

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 527

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A RESOLUTION to deny TennCare pharmacy coverage of the emergency contraceptive pill.

WHEREAS, the TennCare program operates under a Section 1115 waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in the United States Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1315; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration be strongly urged to institute a policy whereby the Bureau of TennCare does not provide, as a pharmacy benefit, coverage for the emergency contraceptive pill, also known as “Plan B” or “the morning after pill”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if, in the opinion of the Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration, an amendment to the Section 1115 waiver is required to ensure compliance with federal law, the Commissioner is urged to submit an amendment within sixty (60) days of the passage of this resolution, to explicitly eliminate emergency contraception as a family planning service covered under the TennCare II waiver.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.